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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. SYDENHAM STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19140 Address of Plaintiff: 52 ND STREET , STE 702 PHILADELIPHIA, PA 19131 Address of Defendant: (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space) Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? Yes□ (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)) Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? Yes□ RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Case Number: Date Terminated: Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes□ 4. Is this case a second or successive habcas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? Yes□ CIVIL: (Place / in ONE CATEGORY ONLY) A. Federal Question Cases: B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: 1.

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Motor Vehicle Personal Injury 6. □ Labor-Management Relations 6. □ Other Personal Injury (Please specify) 7. Civil Rights 7.

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Habeas Corpus 8. Products Liability - Asbestos 9. □ Securities Act(s) Cases 9. □ All other Diversity Cases 10. □ Social Security Review Cases (Please specify) 11. □ All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify) ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (Check Appropriate Category) GRAHUM F. BAIRD , counsel of record do hereby certify: Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; □ Relief other than monetary damages is sought. NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38,

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court

except as noted above.

Attorney-at-Law

Attorney I.D.#

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Lakitah English

3817 Sydenham Street

Philadelphia, PA 19140

Plaintiff,

V.

No.

Got the Look, Inc.

1575 North 52nd Street, Suite 702

Philadelphia, PA 19131

Defendants

Defendants

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

I. Parties and Reasons for Jurisdiction.

- 1. Plaintiff, Lakitah English (hereinafter "Plaintiff") is an adult individual residing at the above address.
- 2. Defendant, Got the Look, Inc. (hereinafter "Defendant") is a corporation organized by and operating under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and having a corporate headquarters at the above captioned address. Defendant is a citizen of Pennsylvania.
- 3. Defendant qualifies as Plaintiff's "employer" pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act ("PHRA").
- 4. Plaintiff has exhausted her administrative remedies pursuant to the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. (See Exhibit A, a true and correct copy of a "right-to-sue" letter issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and her dual filing certification with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission).

- 5. This action is instituted pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and applicable federal law.
 - 6. Jurisdiction is conferred by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343.
- 7. Supplemental jurisdiction over the Plaintiff's state law claims is conferred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and (b)(2), venue is properly laid in this district because Defendants conducts business in this district, and because a substantial part of the acts and/or omissions giving rise to the claims set forth herein occurred in this judicial district. Plaintiff was working in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania at the time of the illegal actions by Defendants as set forth herein.

II. Operative Facts.

- 9. In the beginning of November 2013, Plaintiff was hired by Defendant to work as a retail cashier at a Got the Look, Inc. store, owned, operated and managed by Defendant located at 2800 Fox Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 10. In February 2015, Plaintiff was promoted to Key Holder of the store, where in addition to her duties as cashier, Plaintiff was responsible for opening and closing the store.
- 11. Plaintiff became pregnant in March 2015, in which she did not notify Defendant for personal reasons.
 - 12. In or around May 2015, Plaintiff was promoted to sole manager at her store.
- 13. In the beginning of August 2015, Jacob Jacobson, Vice President of Got the Look, Inc. (hereinafter "Mr. Jacobson"), came into Plaintiff's store and exclaimed to Plaintiff, "Oh, you're pregnant," due to her pregnancy becoming physically apparent.

- 14. Plaintiff's job performance and job satisfaction was good, evidenced by her recent promotion to sole manager of the store, until she confirmed that she was pregnant to Defendant.
- 15. On August 23, 2015, Mr. Jacobson came to the register, where Plaintiff was located, and introduced her to a male and female as the new store managers.
- 16. Mr. Jacobson continued explaining that because Plaintiff would be leaving soon, due to her pregnancy, she would no longer be a manager, the new managers would take care of everything, and that she would continue to receive the manager pay rate.
- 17. Shortly after Mr. Jacobson left the store, two now former employees of Defendant, Jasmine Carter and Tiffanie McCall (non-parties), asked Plaintiff why Mr. Jacobson would have this conversation in front of other employees and customers in the store. They further expressed concern that Defendant's actions and statements were wrong and discriminatory.
- 18. The following day, August 24, 2015, Plaintiff received a phone call from her Supervisor, Dorothy Stratz (hereinafter "Ms. Stratz"), informing Plaintiff of this new change, and reiterating that she was no longer a manager.
- 19. Additionally, Ms. Stratz informed Plaintiff that she was no longer needed and she "needed to focus on the baby". She explained that Plaintiff may call after she gives birth and Got the Look might discuss hiring her back.
- 20. Plaintiff, extremely confused, asked Ms. Stratz why this was happening, as she just spoke to Mr. Jacobson the day before. Ms. Stratz responded that she was just doing what she was told to do.
- 21. Prior to Plaintiff's termination, a non-pregnant person was hired to Plaintiff's previous position.

- 22. Defendants' primary motivation for terminating Plaintiff was the fact that she was pregnant.
- 23. At all times material, Defendant was hostile to Plaintiff's pregnancy and terminated her immediately upon becoming aware of her pregnancy.
- As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct in terminating Plaintiff, Plaintiff sustained great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, as well emotional distress, humiliation, pain and suffering and other damages as set forth below.

III. Causes of Action.

COUNT I – TITLE VII CLAIM—THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 (42 U.S.C.A. § 2000 et seq)

- 25. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-24 as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 26. At all times material hereto, and pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A §2000e, et seq., an employer may not discriminate against an employee on the basis of sex, including pregnancy.
- 27. Plaintiff is a qualified employee and person within the definition of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A §2000e, et seq..
- 28. Defendant is an "employer" and thereby subject to the strictures of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A §2000e, et seq..
- 29. At all times material to her termination, Plaintiff was pregnant, as described above.
- 30. Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff is an adverse action, was taken as a result of her pregnancy and constitutes a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A §2000e, et seq..

- 31. Defendant's conduct in demoting Plaintiff (from a manager position), then subsequently terminating her, are adverse actions and were taken as a result of her pregnancy and constitutes a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A §2000e, et seq..
- 32. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff sustained significant damages, including but not limited to: great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, loss of front pay, loss of back pay, as well as emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, pain and suffering, consequential damages and Plaintiff has also sustained work loss, loss of opportunity, and a permanent diminution of her earning power and capacity and a claim is made therefore.
- 33. As a result of the conduct of Defendant's owners/management, Plaintiff hereby demands punitive damages.
- 34. Pursuant to the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A §2000e, et seq, Plaintiff demands attorneys fees and court costs.

COUNT II – VIOLATION OF THE PREGNANCY DISCRINIMATION ACT OF 1978 (42 U.S.C.A. § 2000e)

- 35. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-34 as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 36. At all times material hereto, and pursuant to the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, 42 U.S.C.A § 2000e, et seq, an employer may not discriminate against an employee on the basis of pregnancy.
- 37. Plaintiff is a qualified employee and person within the definition of the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, 42 U.S.C.A § 2000e, et seq..
- 38. Defendant is an "employer" and thereby subject to the strictures of the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, 42 U.S.C.A § 2000e, et seq,.
 - 39. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff was pregnant, as described above.

- 40. Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff is an adverse action, was taken as a result of her pregnancy and constitutes a violation of the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, 42 U.S.C.A § 2000e, et seq..
- 41. Defendant's conduct in demoting Plaintiff from a manager position, then subsequently terminating Plaintiff, are adverse actions and were taken as a result of her pregnancy and constitutes a violation of the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, 42 U.S.C.A § 2000e, et seq..
- 42. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff sustained significant damages, including but not limited to: great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, loss of front pay, loss of back pay, as well as emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, pain and suffering, consequential damages and Plaintiff has also sustained work loss, loss of opportunity, and a permanent diminution of her earning power and capacity and a claim is made therefore.
- 43. As a result of the conduct of Defendant's owners/management, Plaintiff hereby demands punitive damages.
- 44. Pursuant the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, 42 U.S.C.A § 2000e, et seq, Plaintiff demands attorneys fees and court costs.

COUNT III – VIOLATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT (43 P.S. § 955)

- 45. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-44 as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 46. At all times material hereto, and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq, an employer may not discriminate against an employee on the basis of sex, including pregnancy.

- 47. Plaintiff is a qualified employee and person within the definition of Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq..
- 48. Defendant is an "employer" and thereby subject to the strictures of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq,.
- 49. At all times material to her termination, Plaintiff was pregnant, as described above.
- 50. Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff is an adverse action, was taken as a result of her pregnancy and constitutes a violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq,.
- 51. Defendant's conduct in demoting Plaintiff from a manager position, then subsequently terminating Plaintiff, are adverse actions and were taken as a result of her pregnancy and constitutes a violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq,.
- 52. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff sustained significant damages, including but not limited to: great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, loss of front pay, loss of back pay, as well as emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, pain and suffering, consequential damages and Plaintiff has also sustained work loss, loss of opportunity, and a permanent diminution of her earning power and capacity and a claim is made therefore.
- 53. As a result of the conduct of Defendant's owners/management, Plaintiff hereby demands punitive damages.
- 54. Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq, Plaintiff demands attorneys fees and court costs.

V. Relief Requested.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Lakitah English demands judgment in her favor and against Defendant, Got the Look, Inc., in an amount in excess of \$150,000.00 together with:

- A. Compensatory damages, including but not limited to: back pay, front pay, past lost wages, future lost wages. Lost pay increases, lost pay incentives, lost opportunity, lost benefits, lost future earning capacity, injury to reputation, mental and emotional distress, pain and suffering
- B. Punitive damages;
- C. Attorneys fees and costs of suit;
- D. Interest, delay damages; and,
- E. Any other further relief this Court deems just proper and equitable..

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Attorney for Plaintiff, Lakitah English

EXH. A

EEOC Form 161 (11/09)

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

DISMISSAL AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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To: Lakitah English		From:	Philadelphia District Office			
3817 Sydenham St.			801 Market Street			
Phila	delphia, PA 19140		Suite 1300			
			Philadelphia, PA 19107			
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	On behalf of person(s) aggrieved whose identity is CONFIDENTIAL (29 CFR §1601.7(a))					
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142	Legal Unit,		Telephone No.			
530-2015-			(045) 440 0000			
			(215) 440-2828			
THE EEOC IS CLOSING ITS FILE ON THIS CHARGE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:						
The facts alleged in the charge fail to state a claim under any of the statutes enforced by the EEOC.						
Your allegations did not involve a disability as defined by the Americans With Disabilities Act.						
	The Respondent employs less than the required number of employees or is not otherwise covered by the statutes.					
	Your charge was not timely filed with EEOC; in other words, you waited too long after the date(s) of the alleged discrimination to file your charge					
Х	The EEOC issues the following determination: Based upon its investigation, the EEOC is unable to conclude that the information obtained establishes violations of the statutes. This does not certify that the respondent is in compliance with the statutes. No finding is made as to any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge.					
	The EEOC has adopted the findings of the state or local fair employment practices agency that investigated this charge.					
	Other (briefly state)					
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	- NOTICE OF SUIT RIGHTS - (See the additional information attached to this form.)					
Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act: This will be the only notice of dismissal and of your right to sue that we will send you. You may file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) under federal law based on this charge in federal or state court. Your lawsuit must be filed WITHIN 90 DAYS of your receipt of this notice; or your right to sue based on this charge will be lost. (The time limit for filing suit based on a claim under state law may be different.)						
Equal Pay Act (EPA): EPA suits must be filed in federal or state court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment. This means that backpay due for any violations that occurred more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit may not be collectible.						
	On behalf o	f the Comm	3/28/16			
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cc: GC	OT THE LOOK INC.	ector				
	Graham Baird, Esq. (for Charging Party)					
Dorothy Stratz, HR Supervisor (for Respondent)						